



December 12, 2022

Dear Manitou Springs School District Community,

I hope that you are doing well as we soon head into the Winter Break. Across the school district, we will continue to focus on finishing the semester and 2022 on a strong note.

Posted below are the links to each school's weekly newsletter (from last Friday).

[Ute Pass Elementary School](#)

[Manitou Springs Elementary School](#)

[Manitou Springs Middle School](#)

[Manitou Springs High School](#)

Manitou Springs Middle School's Upper Activity Field

When we return from the break, RTA Architects will be leading focused meetings that allow for students, staff, and families to provide feedback on the area behind MSMS (often referred to as the Upper Activity Field). After years of receiving important information about what students and staff would like the space to include, it is now time to design the space for the community. Currently, the large space is dirt-covered and the space has tremendous potential for future outdoor learning spaces, performance spaces, and athletic play spaces.

If you are interested in contributing to the dialogue that will support RTA Architects' initial design plans, please email me (edomangue@mssd14.org) or Principal Dustin Cady (dcady@mssd14.org) to let us know that you are interested in participating. **The series of design meetings will be on three Fridays (January 6, 13, 27) from 2:30-3:30pm.** We ask that individuals commit to all three meetings, so there can be continuity through this step of the process. These meetings will not be the only opportunity for feedback to be provided.

This is an exciting time for MSMS and the larger community. We also invite parents from UPES, MSES, and MSHS to participate as your children will eventually have the opportunity to utilize the space in middle school and for other community events.

Proposition FF

During our recent District Accountability Committee meeting, a member of the committee asked if MSSD would be participating in the Colorado free meal program next school year through the recently voter-approved Proposition FF. I want to affirm that MSSD will be participating. Our Director of Nutrition

Services (Paula Faucette) is working with the state to complete the necessary requirements to participate. Additional information will be provided later in the school year.

Community Engagement

In January, we will be sharing some unique opportunities for community engagement as we partner with the Colorado Education Initiative (CEI). These opportunities will allow for various stakeholders across the school district and larger community to come together in meaningful and productive ways, which will be facilitated by a team from CEI.

Please be on the lookout for future communications and ways to participate.

Important Dates

- Regular Board of Education Meeting–Dec 12
- MSHS Finals Dec 14-16
- Winter Break:
 - Students will be out for the break from December 19, 2022 through January 4, 2023 (return January 5).
 - Staff will return on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

I hope that the Winter Break is wonderful for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Domangue
Superintendent of Schools



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School Tour Week: January 30 - February 3
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*You can also schedule a tour outside of the School Tour Week.



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